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- 1. BECAUSE OF NATURE OF PROGRAMMING, MISSION CANNOT PROVIDE MEANINGFUL PERCENTAGE REPLIES, BUT ONLY NARRATIVE. THEREFORE, WE HAVE GEARED OUR RESPONSE TO MAY 15 DEADLINE FOR NARRATIVE MATERIAL.
- 2. MISSION YOUTH ACTIVITIES ARE CARRIED ON UNDER THE USIS/ USNATO REGIONAL PROGRAM IN COOPERATION WITH USIS POSTS THROUGHOUT THE WEST EUROPEAN AREA. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THIS PROGRAM INVOLVES BRINGING YOUNG LEADERS AND POTENTIAL LEADERS FROM WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO NATO HEADQUARTERS FOR BRIEFINGS AND GIVING SUPPORT TO SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES IN THESE COUNTRIES ON NATO AND RELATED SUBJECTS.

FOR EXAMPLE, OF THE 25 TOURS, CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS IN WHICH USIS/ USNATO PARTICIPATED IN FY 1972 (INCLUDING FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AT AN OVERALL LEVEL OF \$38,912), 12 EVENTS (AT A COST TO USIS/ USNATO OF \$18,525) CAN BE READILY IDENTIFIED AS PRIMARILY FOR YOUNG LEADERS OR POTENTIAL LEADERS (STUDENTS, ACADEMICS, TRADE UNION, POLITICAL, ETC). IT IS QUITE LIKELY THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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A DETAILED INSPECTION OF THE PARTICIPANT LISTS FOR THE OTHER EVENTS WOULD REVEAL INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED WHO PROPERLY COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE CATEGORY OF YOUNG LEADERS OR POTENTIAL LEADERS.

SO FAR IN FY 1973, OF THE 20 TOURS, CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS IN WHICH USIS/ USNATO HAS PARTICIPATED (AT A CONTRIBUTION LEVEL OF \$26,715), 9 (AT A COST TO US OF \$10,347) CAN BE IDENFITIED AS INVOLVING PRIMARILY YOUNG LEADERS OR POTENTIAL LEADERS, WITH THE SAME PROBABILITY OF OTHERS IN THE OTHER GROUPS WHO COULD BE SO IDENTIFIED

3. THE YOUNG- LEADER AUDIENCE FOR USNATO IS THUS AN "INDIRECT" AUDIENCE REACHED THROUGH PROJECTS CARRIED ON IN COOPERATION WITH POSTS AND THE CONTINUAL FOLLOW- UP IS DONE BY THESE POSTS. THEREFORE, USNATO IS NOT REALLY IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE DETAILED PERCENTAGE REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE BECAUSE THE REPLIES WOULD VARY WITH EACH COUNTRY WITH WHICH WE WORK.

IN A CERTAIN SENSE, IT MIGHT BE SAID THAT THE SUM OF THE REPLIES OF INDIVIDUAL POSTS IN WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES CONSTITUTES THE REPLY OF USNATO-- AT LEAST WITH REGARD TO NATO AND RELATED PROJECTS FOR YOUNG LEADERS.

4. BEARING IN MIND THE CAVEATS IN PARA 3 ABOVE, WE CAN PROVIDE SOME ROUGH, APPROXIMATE ANSWERS TO THE DETAILED QUESTIONS IN THE REFTEL, AS FOLLOWS:

QUESTION 1-- YOUTH CATEGORIES

A. WITHOUT TRYING TO ASSIGN PERCENTAGES, WE ARE MOST INTERESTED IN: YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS; YOUNG BUREAUCRATS IN MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE; YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (MEDIA, LAW, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, EDUCATION, ARTS AND LETTERS); YOUNG LABOR LEADERS; LEADERS OF NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS; UNIVERSITY STUDENT LEADERS; SELECTED UNIVERSITIES OR FACULTIES OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE (POLITICAL SCIENCE, HISTORY, ECONOMICS, LAW); CONFIDENTIAL

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SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERS; YOUNG LEADERSHIP AMONG DISSIDENT MOVEMENTS.

- B. WE HAVE AN INTEREST IN PRESENT AND FUTURE DECISION-MAKERS AND OPINION- MOLDERS SIGNIFICANT ON QUESTIONS OF U. S. AND EUROPEAN RELATIONS, ATLANTIC DEFENSE, EAST-WEST RELATIONS, THE ENVIRONMENT.
- C. ALL YOUTH GROUPS AND INSTITUTIONS TEND TO BE MORE CRITICAL THAN THEIR ELDERS ON MAJOR QUESTIONS OF U. S.- EUROPEAN RELATIONS; NATO; NEED FOR DEFENSE AND ADEQUATE DEFENSE SPENDING, TERMS OF SERVICE, ETC; THE ROLE OF NATO AND THE U. S. IN CSCE, MBFR, THE ENVIRONMENT,

ETC. THEREFORE, ALL SUCH GROUPS POTENTIALLY COULD HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON U. S. INTERESTS IN THE NEXT TWO TO FOUR YEARS. GENERALLY SPEAKING, MORE CONSERVATIVE INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS ARE LESS CRITICAL AND EVEN IN SOME CASES MAY HAVE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE.

QUESTION II- OBJECTIVES

A. AGAIN, WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO ASSIGN PERCENTAGES, AND BEARING IN MIND THAT WITH OUR INDIRECT AUDIENCES WE PRIMARILY ARE TRYING TO HELP OTHER POSTS ACHIEVE THEIR OBJECTIVES WITH THEIR AUDIENCES, NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE PRINCIPALLY INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES: ASSURE ACCESS TO FUTURE LEADERSHIP; DEVELOP INFLUENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH LEADERS OF POLITICALLY AWARE YOUTH AND WITH POTENTIAL FUTURE LEADERS; CREATE AND MAINTAIN FAVORABLE ATTITUDES TOWARD THE U. S. (AND NATO); PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING OF BROAD U. S. (AND NATO) GOALS AND POLICIES; INFLUENCE ATTITUDES ON SPECIFIC U. S. INTERESTS IN THAT COUNTRY OR REGION (RE NATO AND RELATED SUBJECTS); COUNTER ACTIVITIES OF FORCES HOSTILE TO U. S. (AND NATO) INTERESTS.

B. AGAIN, OUR SPECIFIC INTEREST IS ADVANCEMENT OF U. S. INTERESTS ON NATO AND RELATED QUESTIONS (ATLANTIC DEFENSE, MBFR, CSCE, ENVIRONMENT, ETC.).

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QUESTION III--- RESOURCES

A. WE HAVE ANSWERED THIS QUESTION UNDER PARA 2 ABOVE. SINCE WE HAVE NO CU GRANTS AND NO DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN AID OR MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAMS, OUR PROGRAM IS LIMITED TO THE KIND OF USIA CULTURAL AND INFORMATIVE PROGRAMMING DESCRIBED IN PARA 2 ABOVE. WE HAVE NOTHING TO ADD UNDER SUB-PARAGRAPHS A, B, OR C OF THIS QUESTION (IMPROVEMENTS,

PRIVATE RESOURCES, OR PEACE CORPS).

QUESTION IV-- RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH

A. AS INDICATED IN PARA 2 ABOVE, WE WOULD GIVE A " VERY HIGH" WEIGHT TO EFFORTS WITH YOUNG LEADERS AND POTENTIAL LEADERS.

B. BECAUSE OF THE GENERALLY CRITICAL ATTITUDES OF YOUTH ABOUT THE U.S. AND NATO RE ATLANTIC DEFENSE, EAST-WEST RELATIONS, THE ENVIRONMENT, ETC., YOUNG LEADERS AND POTENTIAL LEADERS CAN HAVE A VERY GREAT IMPACT ON U.S. INTERESTS IN THIS AREA IN THE YEARS TO COME.

C. (1) (A) PERSONNEL TIME: THERE IS ONLY ONE OFFICER
IN THE MISSION WHO SPENDS ANY APPRECIABLE AMOUNT OF
TIME ON YOUTH WORK. THIS IS THE USIS/ USNATO INFORMATION
OFFICER WHO HANDLES THE PROGRAMMING DESCRIBED IN PARA 2
ABOVE. HE SPENDS ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF HIS TIME ON SUCH "" YOUTH"
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PROGRAMMING. OTHER MISSION OFFICERS PARTICIPATE FROM TIME TO TIME IN GIVING BRIEFINGS TO VISITING GROUPS OF YOUNG LEADERS OR POTENTIAL LEADERS OR IN SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES ORGANIZED FOR SUCH GROUPS BY USIS POSTS. THE PERCENTAGE OF OVERALL MISSION PERSONNEL TIME IS A MINUTE FRACTION OF ONE PERCENT, ABOUT THREE TO FOUR MAN MONTHS A YEAR. THE PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL USIS/ USNATO EFFORT IN THIS AREA IS ABOUT THE SAME IN MAN MONTHS, HIGHER IN PERCENTAGE OF OVERALL PERSONNEL TIME (ABOUT 7 PERCENT) AND QUITE SIGNIFICANT IN TERMS OF PROJECTS AND MONEY, AS INDICATED IN PARA 2 ABOVE.

- C. (1) (B) 100 PER CENT TO PROGRAMMING.
- C. (1) (C) USIA--95 PER CENT. ALL OTHERS--5 PERCENT.

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